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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, please amend this application as indicated herein. Filed herewith is a request for a two-month extension of time.

Clean Form of Amended Claims

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 11 as indicated below (marked-up form is included herewith as Exhibit A):

1. (Once Amended) An oral formulation for a medicament comprising:
- a solid masticable portion and one or more reservoir portions encompassed by said solid masticable portion;
- the solid masticable portion consisting of a digestible material, having a Young's modulus of 0.01-5Mpa, and compressive strength in the range 10-10,000 mJ,
- the reservoir portion or portions comprising a releasable dose of the medicament in a fluid form, with a viscosity below 800 mPas at body temperature,
- such that on mastication, the masticable portion is ruptured and the unit dose of the medicament is released in a short space of time from the reservoir portion into the oral cavity.

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